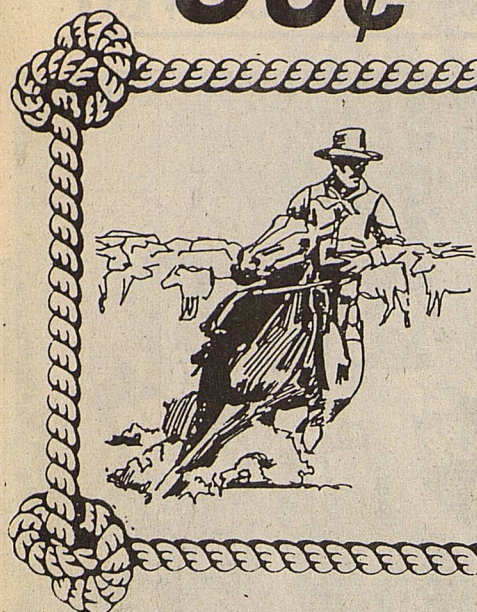


50¢

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE PD.
PLAINS, TX
PERMIT #21

Cowboy Country News
P. O. Box 179
Plains, Texas 79355
Address Correction Requested



Cowboy Country News



Published each Wednesday at the County
Seat of Yoakum County, Plains, Texas.

Volume III, Issue 4, Wednesday, September 25, 1996

Cotton Farmers Beware ; Contaminated Cotton Could Cost You **BIG** Bucks!

Bad news from Gaines County illustrates vital need
to get clean modules to the gin yard

Several local producers attending a FHA class in Gaines County last week heard of a serious case of cotton contamination from Wayne Mixon, General Manager of Ocho Gin in that county. He displayed samples of ginned cotton containing serious amounts of foreign material, which a textile mill in Guatemala had purchased, who then filed a \$75,000 damage claim against Ocho gin, ginners of the cotton.

To learn more factual details about this incident, a telephone interview was arranged involving Keith Mixon, gin manager at Ocho, Gayle Craft at New Tex gin and CCN.

Mixon said one of their customers, a Gaines county producer, sold 900 bales of cotton, with Conticotton of Lubbock acting as shipper, to the Guatemala plant.

He said the Textile mill discovered a run of the spun cotton had bits of blue plastic, and orange colored polypropylene imbedded in it, ruining the batch. Other bales were torn open, and more of the foreign material was found

in an unknown number of bales, leading to the filing of the damage claim.

It was a simple matter to trace the 900 bales back to the producer, who was then presented with the \$75,000 damage claim. The cotton came from the one producer, but from two separate farms. It had been stripped by a custom harvester, and ginned approximately 30 days apart.

Mixon said the blue plastic particles resembled the color used in Wal Mart bags, and reported the orange polypropylene could be remains of farm vegetable sacks, such as potatoes and onions are shipped in. He said he was satisfied the orange material was not from the type string used to secure tarps on stripped modules of cotton, as it is a polyester type plastic.

Both Mixon and Craft reported textile manufacturers are becoming much stricter in examining baled cotton for any type contamination, and do not hesitate to turn down shipments not clean enough for their standards.

The ginning industry is actively urging cotton producers across the country to pay closer attention to what goes into their module builders. Materials such as the blue and orange contaminants in Gaines county are impossible to detect when the module goes thru the ginning process.

Mixon and Craft agreed another potential cotton contaminant is the black plastic material used in the oil industry to line slush and mud pits at well drilling sites. If the plastic is not properly disposed of when drilling is completed, it can easily blow into adjacent cotton fields, go thru the stripper machines, and on to the gin yard, definitely contaminating the baled product.

There is a strong message here for all producers - the \$75,000 pending damage claim should indicate the importance of checking your fields before harvest machines are running, and caution your harvest crews to keep the module builders free of all trash, BEFORE your cotton goes to the gin yard.

Local 'Boot Lady' Has A Fabulous Collection



Wilma Powell, resplendent with her boot collection

Collectors come in all shapes, sizes, with a multitude of tastes. Some like Barbie Dolls, others stamps, old recordings, coins, toy electric trains.

Nothing so mundane for Plains' Wilma Powell. She collects boots, custom

made western boots, to be precise.

Interviewed in her home last week, Wilma confessed to owning 41 pair at present. She has, of course, 'retired' other boots over the years. In an inventory of colors and

leather, we found Ostrich, Alligator, Lizard and Kid, in 21 different colors, including gold, silver, purple, green, and one striking pair in a 'Star Spangled

Turn to page 2,
'BOOT LADY'

Cowboys Seek, Find Revenge over Wink 20-13

Third game of season marred by penalties,
Cowboy injuries



The Wink Wildcats invaded Cowboy Stadium last Friday, prepared to bite, scratch and claw their way to another win. For a time, it appeared they might do just that, but a great come from behind effort by the Cowboys let them come away with a hard earned 20-13 win.

The Cowboys were a bit sluggish in the opening minutes, and when their drive stalled, Wink managed to block their punt,

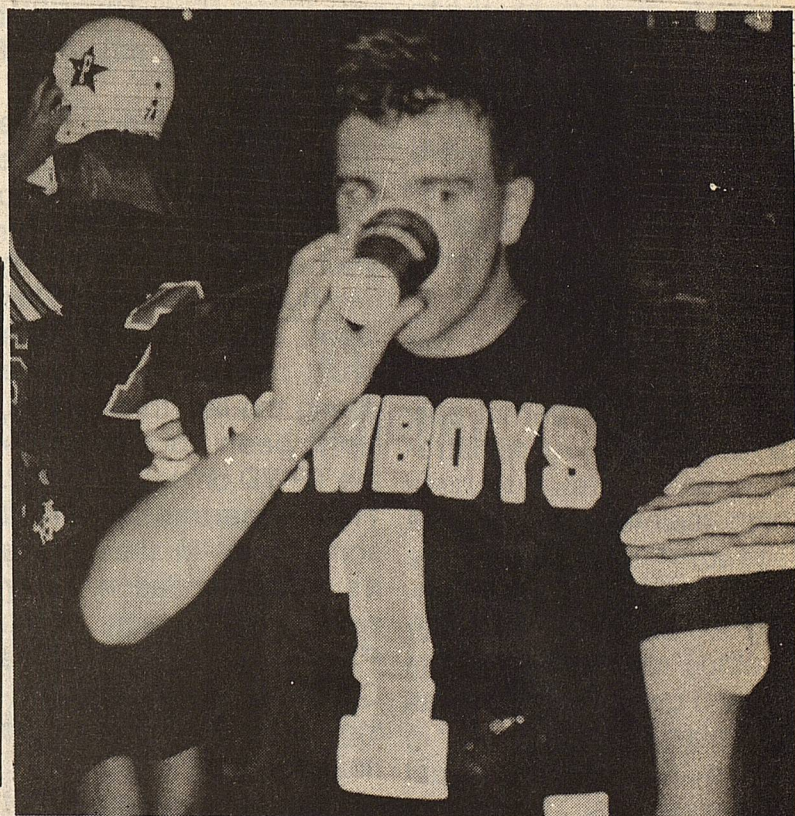
and had possession on Plains' 20. A good defensive surge trapped a Wildcat runner for a loss, and Stephen Bitolas broke up a 3rd down pass play. The following field goal attempt was wide, and the Cowboys got the ball again

on their own 20. Both teams could not effectively move the ball, and traded offense and defense punches to the end of the scoreless first

Turn to page 3,
'COWBOYS-WINK'

FIRST BALE of cotton ginned !!!

Late Monday evening, barely in time for this issue, Yoakum County CoOp gin reported they had just ginned the first bale of 1996 Yoakum County cotton, from a farm owned by Neal Newsom. The bale weighed 540 pounds, and to our knowledge, was considerably earlier than most producers anticipated. Congratulations to the Newsom's!



Marte Pierce takes water break after TD catch

Texas Equipment Acquired By Marinex

According to an item in the Business Bulletin Board of the Sunday Avalanche-Journal, the "Seminole based Texas Equipment Co. has been acquired by Marinex Multimedia Corp., a developer of digital content for the internet and CD-ROM.

"Texas Equipment, with
Turn to page 7,
'TEXAS EQUIPMENT'

Mule Deer Season For Yoakum County?

It's a possibility, but nothing
definite yet

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department meeting held here last month has furnished the Department with valuable input about the possibility of creating a Mule Deer hunting season here and in other area counties, according to TPWD officer Calvin Richardson, of the Lubbock office.

In a telephone interview last Friday, Richardson said he and his supervisor,

Danny Swepton, District Leader from Amarillo, the August meeting here drew the interest of some 50 sportsmen and landowners from Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, Cochran, Lamb, Bailey and Terry counties. The officers tabulated the audiences responses and comments about the possible mule deer season.

Turn to page 2,
'MULE DEER'

From page 1,
'BOOT LADY'

Banner" motif of red, white and blue.

She said some three dozen pair of her boots were custom made at the Paul Bond Boot Company, Nogales, Arizona. Bond, now in his eighties, was in earlier years a renowned rodeo performer, one of the top bronc riders and trick riders on the pro circuit, and is a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. She said she and her late husband, Bill Powell, had known Bond many years, and she started having her boots made there in the late 1960's.

She was half jokingly asked if she owned any conventional women's shoes, and she chuckled, and said "That's a legitimate question, no more than I wear them, but yes, I do, a lot more shoes than you would ever believe." She did admit, however, she had not had a pair of shoes on since attending her granddaughter Jo Lena's wedding some time back. "I've worn boots all my life", she said, referring to her childhood on her parents ranch, and on Bill and her ranches later on. "Shoes just feel strange to me." Aware of her fondness for

the game of golf, she was asked if she had ever considered having Bond Boots build a pair of 'golf boots', complete with spikes. "As a matter of fact, I have, but I don't like the metal spikes. Now that the new, soft plastic spikes are popular, and being required by many courses, I just might have them built me a special golf boot."

That would really be a sight at the Yoakum County Course, where she tries to play once a week.

Wilma Powell, standing on a putting green in her knee high, soft spiked, star spangled, red, white and blue golfing boots.



Forty one pair of custom made boots can fill a closet

From page 1,
'MULE DEER'

He reported virtually all of those at the meeting were in favor of some type hunting season, except the small delegation from Andrews County.

Richardson said it appears to the Department there are four options to consider: (1) Leave the season closed in these counties; (2) establish a 16 day season for taking mule deer, as in the Trans-Pecos area; (3) a possible shorter season, somewhere from one to 16 days; (4) allow a permit only season.

Richardson indicated the difficulties the department faces with the permit only arrangement. Administration costs are extremely high maintaining this type season, and there are many problems determining a reasonable and fair method of allotting permits to land owners. He used as an example a situation in Lamb County. Physical observations, from the ground and air, reveal one landowner with 70 acres of cropland, where as many as 54 deer have been counted feeding. A short distance away, a ranch with several sections of range land is known to carry just a few mule deer. Which landowner gets the permits, and how many,

the one with the most deer, or the one with the most land?

Richardson said he and Officer Swepston had both received many calls and letters from land owners and would be hunters, all interested in a mule deer season. He also said, since the August meeting here, they have received letters and calls from Andrews county residents, who now appear to want an established season of some kind.

The two officers have compiled an extensive report of public response to the proposal, with the far greater majority favoring the hunting season. This report, and extensive game count records in the area during the last three years, have been forwarded to the TPWD offices in Austin. The Department will at some point in time make its recommendation, for or against the season, to the Parks and Wildlife Commission, the governing body which makes the final decision.

Richardson preferred not to speculate, or express his private opinion about the verdict on the proposed hunting season verdict.

It appears, based on how bureaucratic departments function, and respond to public input and support for new projects, there is a better than good chance the area counties can look

forward to a mule deer hunting season, but it won't be this year. Richardson said the very earliest the season could be set was late fall or early winter of 1997.

Happy Birthday
Happy Birthday
Frank Whitlock
86 years Young,
Wednesday 25th

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting: October 2, 1996
Time: 7:00 am
Where: Johnnie's Restaurant
Any new business urged to join.

You are invited to a birthday celebration honoring Ruth Shoemaker Sept. 29, 2 - 4p.m. Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Your presence is your gift!

Associated Farmers Delinting, Inc.
AFD
THE COTTON BRED FOR WEST TEXAS
.....By WEST TEXANS
EXPLORER **ROCKET**
Tommy & Terry Thrash
office: 1-800-292-7333

Victorious Cowgirls at Roswell



Members of the Varsity Cowgirls Volleyball team are pictured, with the 3rd place trophy they won in the Big Roswell Tournament recently, competing against teams from much bigger school.

Front Row (L-R): Velvet Canada, Patty Ruiz, Sandi Warren, Kyley Bearden, Mary Morales, Lyndi Rowe, Dolly Gonzales, Marcey House. Back Row (L-R): Kayla Redman, LaCresha Johnson, Jolyne Burgess, Candace Bowers. Not pictured are Kassie Lowe, Lindsey Six and Coach Cheryl Horne.

Toni Jones Now President of State Association

County Treasurer Toni Jones attended the annual County Treasurers Association of Texas meeting in Tyler September 16 to 20. She was sworn in as President of the statewide association, before over 200 County Treasurers and other officials attending the affair.

Jones has been a member of the Association's Board of Directors for four years, representing Region 2, a 23 West Texas county group of Treasurer's. She also was elected Secretary one year, and Treasurer another. At the 1995 meeting she was elected President Elect, and started her tenure as the top official September 19.

Jones has served as Yoakum County Treasurer since 1986, when she was appointed to fill the office held by the late Genice Logan. She was elected the following year.

Jones said the honor was very gratifying, and she was pleased to be able to continue serving the citizens of Yoakum County.

Another county official, Precinct 3 Commissioner Jim Barron, attended the meeting on the last day, representing the Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, which he serves as elected President. It is very unusual, and a real distinction for two elected county officials, from a sparsely populated county such as ours, to head up large, statewide groups such as these associations.

County Court Meets

Commissioner's Court met Monday, September 23, to consider and act on a very brief agenda.

West Texas Equipment, Lubbock, submitted the low bid for the purchase of a new 140H motor grader for Orecinct 4. Sale price of the grader was \$142,373, and they allowed \$44,020 trade-in for a 1982 grader, for the net price of \$98,353.

Treasurer Toni Jones report indicating an ending August balance of \$5,828,628 was approved.

The Court approved a request from the Sheriff's Department, commissioning Greg Hix of Denver City as a Reserve Deputy.

Edc Rogers, Hospital Administrator, addressed the Court on revising minimum wage policies at the facility, and the Court authorized \$5 per hour as the new minimum wage.

All county bills and part time salaries were approved for payment.

OCTOBER 6 IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE ON NOV. 5

Renaissance
flowers & gifts
M-F 456-3939 10-5:30
Pay us a visit for your Designer Homecoming Mums and Garters!
New Gifts Arriving Daily
Great Fall & Halloween Decorations!

Lalitos
FOR GREAT MEXICAN FOOD
Starting Sept. 29, we will close 3 pm Sunday and reopen Tuesday at 11 am
806-456-2233

State Line Insurance
Multi-Peril Crop ** Crop Hail
Danny Bell
Office-456-3521 Home-456-6325
Mobile-456-7517

'PISD ACTIVITY PAGE'



McMinn, Easter help Tanner Blount off field

From page 1, 'COWBOYS-WINK'

In the second period, Major Howard and Arthur Howard made big defensive stops, helped by Willett and Dustin Brunson, and Wink fumbled the ball. Unfortunately, Plains coughed it up also on their first play at their 29. A penalty moved the ball to the 12. A series of great defense plays by the entire team, including a 9 yard sack by Wayne Willett, found Wink back at the 20 on fourth down, and the Cowboys got the ball on the 21.

Two good runs by Eric Luna and Joe Luna garnered two first downs, followed by another when Joe Luna grabbed Abraham Garcia's pass between two Wink defenders. From the Wink 15, Garcia passed to Eric Luna for another first down, and then tossed again to Joe Luna for the TD and a 6-0 game.

Following the kickoff, David Flores made a neat interception of a Wildcat pass, and the half ended three plays later.

The second half rivalry opened with some great

play from the Cowboy defense, holding the Wildcats four plays, and taking possession on their 36 yard line. Good blocking allowed Cowboy runners to move to the 20, where the Wildcats intercepted Garcia's pass in the end zone. Burgess had a good hit for a Wink loss, then Marte Pierce recovered a fumble, giving the Cowboys the ball back on 33. The Cowboy line blocked well, allowing Eric Luna to make big gains, and Garcia again hit Joe Luna for a gain to the 2. There, Pierce took Garcia's short pass, made a nifty move on the defender and lunged into the end zone. The two point conversion failed, and the Cowboys led 12-0.

This must have stung the Wildcats, who faltered on their first three run attempts, but then faked a punt and passed the ball to the Cowboys 16, and two plays later, produced their first touchdown, and the PAT made the board read 12-7 Cowboys, deep in the third quarter.

Following the kick off, the Cowboy front line blocked well, allowing good runs by

Eric Luna and Adrian Rios, and a Garcia to Joe Luna pass moved the ball to the Wink 30, but a costly fumble there gave the Wildcats the ball.

A desperation Wink run on fourth down picked up the first, and they scored shortly after, going ahead 13-12 with just over 8 minutes left on the clock.

The situation looked dim for the Cowboys when a pass interception gave the ball back to Wink on their 47. The moved steadily down field to the Cowboys 18, where the defenders toughened, and stopped Wink on fourth down.

The 'D' big play seemed to ignite the offense. The front linemen protected Garcia long enough to hit Eric Luna, followed by good throws to Joe Luna to place the ball on the 12. Eric followed his blockers to the Wink 3, then once more for the trip to the end zone, and with 1:04 left on the clock, the Cowboys two point conversion, Garcia's pass to Eric Luna, gave them the lead 20-13.

Wink took the Cowboy kick off, and a good job by David Flores caused a fumble at the Wink 24. The game ended two plays later, with the fired up Cowboys threatening from the 7 yard line.

The longed for victory over Wink, following two consecutive losses to the Wildcats in post season play, was sweet, but not without costs. Jacob Lester reinjured the knee which required surgery and kept him out of action last year. Stephen Bitolas, also a knee surgery veteran last year, had to leave the game with the same type injury. Wayne Willett suffered with a painful stinger, and shoulder injuries, Joe Luna was hampered with bad leg cramps all the second half, and Tanner Blount suffered knee ligament injuries, when from our viewpoint, he was clipped by a Wink player.

The Cowboys travel to Petersburg next Friday for their fourth season contest, now with a 2 and 1 record.

Plains Cross Country Meet Set

Then PISD annual Cross Country Meet will be held at Yoakum County park September 28. The following is the time schedul for the meet;

- Jr. Hi Girls- 9:30 AM
- Jr. Hi Boys- 9:50
- JV Girls 10:10
- Varsity Girls 10:30
- JV Boys 10:50
- Varsity Boys 11:20
- Awards 11:45

You need to be on hand for these tough events, and watch our tough young athletes.

All Wink Teams Defeated Last Week

Plains JV and Junior High football teams traveled to Wink last Thursday, and may have set the pattern for the Varsity Cowboys come from behind win Friday night. The 7th and 8th Wranglers and the JV Cowboys all defeated the Wildcats on their home-field.

7th Wranglers; Moises Gonzales got the Wranglers on the scoreboard in the first half with a TD run, and Jared Bell scored a two point conversion. Sergio Sandoval blocked a Wink punt, leading to Joseph Rodriguez 25 yard dash for the second score, and took Bell's pass for another two points.

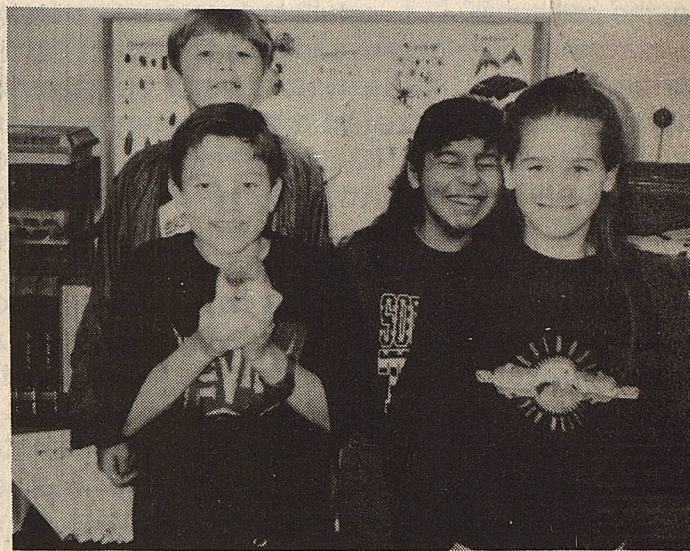
In the second half, Bell again passed to Rodriguez for a 75 yard score, then hit Moises with another two pointer, and a 24-0 lead. Bell then found Moises again for his third TD, putting the Wranglers up 30-0. Gonzales scored again on a 17 yard quick pitch, and the final 36-0 score. Coach Michael Davis cited a great team defense effort in the shutout, and said Tanner Hamm made some great catches, two on 4th down plays that led to Wrangler touchdowns.

8th Wranglers; The 8th graders followed the younger Wranglers example and downed Wink 14-8. Aaron Cain had a good passing afternoon, including a 10 yarder to Adam Garcia for the first score. Brett Squyres next took a toss from Garcia for a 40 yard touchdown, and Adam added two more points on a conversion run. Coach McAdams said the game was one of the Wranglers very best efforts. Garcia also had a pass interception, and Joel Gallegos and Israel Moreno were credited with outstanding defensive tackling.

JV COWBOYS; New Coach David Williams had the Cowboys ready to play Thursday, and they whipped up on Wink 38-0 in an excellent outing. David Luna had a busy day, scoring three TD's, Vinnie Delgado scored on an 80 yard TD pass from Kyle Sisson, and Fermin Luna had a TD run. Two point conversions were made by Will St. Romain (2), Kyle Sisson, Josh Bell and Fermin Luna. Williams said "Our entire offensive line did a great job, and our offense was the very best it has ever looked". He cited great defense efforts from St. Romain, Cosme Casillas, Mike Bell, Travis Bennett, Chris Gonzales, and pass interceptions by Delgado and David Luna.

Jr. High Science News

Junior High Science teacher Vernon Hise reports his classes are having a great year. The fifth grade is planning another trip to Carlsbad Caverns, but must first learn many things about how the earth is made, and forces changing it. They are becoming junior meteorologists, studying our West Texas weather patterns. Sixth grade students are studying how different things work and are made of. Their end of the year project is building toothpick bridges, then testing how much weight they hold. They will also visit an amusement park, measuring 'G' Forces and studying how the rides are built.



6th Science students, front, Nick Hays, Mackenzie Winn, rear, Kelly Bowers, Isamari Guzman.

Volleyball Summary

PHS Cowgirls; The Varsity girls had tough going last week. Traveling to Levelland, they were downed 5 - 15, then 2 - 15. Playing at home, they faced Denver City September 21, and fell to the Lady Mustangs 11 - 15, and 7 - 15. They next faced a tough bunch from Snyder, and were again defeated 2 - 15, 6 - 15. Better luck this week, ladies! **PHS JV;** The younger Cowgirls didn't have much fun either last week. In The Denver City Tournament they fell to Levelland 10-15, and 4-15. They next were downed by Lubbock Christian 4-15 and 6-15. **Freshmen;** In the same D.C. Tourney, the Freshmen girls didn't fare any better, falling to Lamesa 6-15, 4-15, then were downed 0-15 and 7-15. **Junior High;** The 8th Lady Wranglers were visited by Lubbock Cooper last week, and pounded their visitors 15-7 and 15-2. They competed in the Brownfield Tournament Saturday, and came away with Consolation honors. They fell to Brownfield 8-15 and 5-15, then bounced back to down Cooper 15-4, 15-11, and then defeated Trinity 15-7 and 15-1. In the same tournament, the 7th girls were downed by Brownfield 'Red' 3-15, 9-15, then came back to down the Brownfield 'White' team 6-15, 15-13 and 15-2. They lost out in the Consolation round to Trinity 3-15, 11-15. Earlier, they met Lubbock Cooper there, and won convincingly 15-5, 15-3.

Frosh, JV Volleyball Roster

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Freshmen; | Junior Varsity; |
| #10- Nichole Newsom | #10- Summer Howard |
| #12- Audra Ellis | #12- Jessica Flores |
| #14- Leticia Canon | #14- Jennifer Lollar |
| #20- Laura Morales | #20- Missy Asebedo |
| #22- Wendy Hernandez | #24- Cassie Dearing |
| #32- Kristen Gray | #30- Laura Flores |
| #33- Autumn Deaton | #34- Patty Ruiz |
| #34- Rebecca Robertson | #44- Krystal Sellers |
| #50- Velvet Canada | #54- Marcey House |
| #54- Staci Tuggle | Coach-Steve Osborn |

Cross Country Report

All PISD Cross Country Teams competed in last Saturday's big meet at Seminole, and Coach McAdams reported they all gave strong efforts. In the Varsity meet, the improving Cowgirls ran well. Lisa Parrish finished 17th, Cassie Dearing 31st, Tanya Hernandez 33rd, Wendy Hernandez 35th, and Anne Palmer finished 48th in the 2.2 mile tough run.

The entire Varsity Cowboy team finished within the first 29 places in the meet. Jesus Hernandez was 11th, David Luna 20th, Fermin Luna 24th, Vincent Delgado 28th, and Will St. Romain 29th. In the JV Division, Felipe Reyna ran a strong 6th place, Josh Bayer 28th, and Lee Tyson was 33rd in the 3.3 mile race.

Coach McAdams said no team points were kept in the Junior High Division, but the Wranglers would have blown all the other teams away if point records were taken. Greg Gonzales took 3rd, followed by Luis Hernandez 5th, Chris Estrada 6th, Manuel Hernandez 7th, Joseph Rodriguez 8, and Marcos Hernandez 15th in the 2.2 mile event.

School's back in session.
PLEASE, slow down in
the school zone, and
WATCH FOR OUR
KIDS!

Two J-S

FLYING SERVICE

AERIAL APPLICATION SPECIALISTS

LUBBOCK 793-5004
 PLAINS OFFICE -- 456-3580 OR 456-7436

MIKE COBB **JACK COBB**
 456-7165 << HOME >> 456-7452
 456-7511 << MOBILE >> 456-7512

The Cowboy - Our Western Predecessor

He was not the 'midnight' or 'drugstore' type

This part of Texas where we live, now mostly in cultivation, was once ruled by roaming Comanche tribes. When they were partly subdued in the 1880's, the area opened up to the Cowman. Cattle ranches, both large and small, soon dotted the south and north Plains, where John Deere tractors now till the soil. The ranches had to have working hands to tend the cattle, the cowboys.



Here is how Paul Horgan describes these cattle herders in his Pulitzer winning 'GREAT RIVER-The Rio Grande in North American History'. "The cowboy was the last of the clearly original types of Western American to draw his general tradition and character from the kind of land he worked in, and the type of work he did. His forerunners were the trappers of the mountains, and traders of the plains. Of the three, he left the

fullest legacy of romance, and to see him as he first was, it would be necessary in a later century to clear a way back through folk literature of the printed page, the moving picture film and the radio that in using all his symbols would almost never touch the reality that supported them.

His work was monotonous in hardship and loneliness, and occasionally it was shot through with excitement that rose from danger. The country where

he worked was in its dimensions and character his enemy; yet it was also in an intimate way almost a completion of his nature, that revealed in vast vacant privacies, and fixed its vision on the distance to avoid any social responsibility. He had for his most constant companion not a man or woman, but an animal- his horse, on whom his work, convenience and at times even his life depended. His duties took him endlessly riding over range country, where he sought cattle to capture, calves or yearlings to brand, herds to drive to water, cows or bulls of proper age and condition to cut out and segregate.

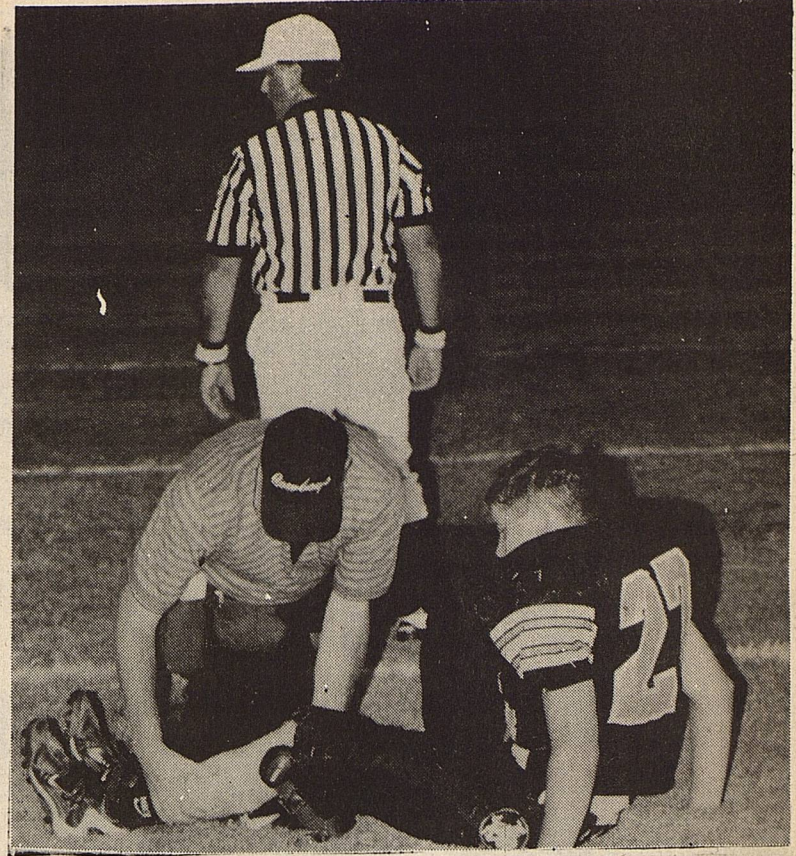
"In dealing with cows through the consent of his horse, the cowboy needed to know much of the nature of both animals. He learned to anticipate the behavior of cattle, and to judge the effect on them of every stimulus. He saw that the laws that governed were the laws of the crowd; He developed extraordinary skill in handling great herds of cattle at a time. His horse, broken to riding and subject to his will, he had to know as an individual creature, and dominate ruthlessly its nature by turns sensitive, stubborn and gentle. Living with these two animal natures, the cowboy seemed to acquire in his own certain of their traits, almost as though to be effective at living and working with them, he must open his own animal nature to theirs and through sympathy resemble them. He could be as simple as a cow, he could also be as stubborn; as fearless as a wild mustang, and as suspicious, incurious as an individual bull, as wild to run with the crowd when attracted; Even in his physical type the cowboy might tend to resemble his animal companions - a flare of nostril, whiteness of eyelash, would recall the thoughtless face of a calf; a leanness of leg, arm, was a reminder of a horse's fined boned supports and further suggested the physique best adapted to, and developed for, the horseman's job - the hard sinewy body, light of weight but powerful, tall for seeing over the animal herd, long legged for gripping the animal around its breathing barrel.

His state of body and nerve had to be ready to fight, for for his job sometimes included battle, when Indians or organized cattle or horse thieves came down upon his herd. Then, like any soldier, he had to shoot to kill, under the sanction of his duty. For his labors he was paid in the 1870's from \$15 to \$20 dollars in gold or silver per month. He saw himself at his task, and his self image survived in his anonymous folk literature, and song; 'All day on the prairie I ride, Not even a dog to ride by my side My coffee I kindle with chips gathered round, my coffee I boil without being ground.'

"I and they were but creatures of circumstances", said a cowboy of his fellows in his domesticated old age, "the circumstances of an old, unfenced world."

In any group of 19th century cowboys, more were bearded than shaven. Their garments were "coarse and substantial, few in number, and often of the gaudy pattern." He wore a wide brimmed hat, its crown dented or flattened, and a bandana of tough silk, and it served many purposes. Tied over his face it filtered dust, it served to blindfold a calf or tie its legs. It was a towel, a napkin, a handkerchief. His shirt was of stout cotton flannel, and over it he sometimes wore a cloth or leather vest. His trousers were most times heavy denim, dyed dark blue, reinforced at points of wear with copper rivets, and the trouser legs were stuffed into boots which reached almost to the knee. At work, he wore leggings of thick cowhide, shielding him from thorns in the brush, and from rope burns across his legs when he was tied to a critter. He most often carried a single action Colt Peacemaker. He had no change of clothes. He went unwashed unless he camped by a stream or pond. "I wash", he said in his anonymity, "I wash in a pool and dry on a sack; I carry my wardrobe all on my back...."

As his artless song implied, the cowboy belonged to the type of man who was not truly domesticated. He chose freedom in the wilds over responsibilities of hearth and home, and he thought more about work than a family. He was truly an American original.



Jacob Lester gets word from Dean Easter on knee

County Court Cases

Two criminal cases were heard in County Court September 18. Dallas Brewer was Presiding Judge, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Vidal Zarate Garcia, 19, pled guilty to evading detention. He received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay a \$500 fine, \$157 court costs, obtain a Texas driver's license, and attend a seminar on drug and alcohol abuse as a condition of community supervision. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons.

Daniel Valverde, 35, pled 15.

no contest to an assault charge. He too received a 60 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months, was fined \$250, must pay \$157 court costs, and successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Program.

Lions Hear Coach McMinn

Guest speaker at last week's Lions Club meeting was Larry Mc Minn, PHS Athletic Director and head foot ball Coach.

Mc Minn reviewed this year's Cowboy team, and this year's return to Class 2A competition. He reported this years offense was generating (prior to the Wink game) some 250 yards per game, compared to about 350 last year. He also reported the Cowboys have just 10 Seniors on the team, and the average number for 2A schools is

CRC

Crop Revenue Coverage
for Texas
Wheat Producers

Making the Downside Go Up

Our protection from
revenue loss due to
fluctuating crop prices
and/or low yield.

USAG

INSURANCE SERVICES, INC.

Crop Revenue Coverage..... The USAG Advantage

- *Protects farmers against the perils of price and yield.
- *Uses the producer's own Actual Production History to guarantees on a unit basis.
- *Uses the KCBOT to establish revenue guarantee.
- *Premium subsidy provided through USDA.
- *May be used in place of MPCl.
- *Secures Loan repayment and enhances borrowing power.
- *Increases confidence when using alternative marketing strategies.

So Why Risk It?

Contact your USAG Agent today!

Ag Insurance Plus

James F. (Jim) Brown

Off. 456-2788 Fax 456-2792
Home 592-3490 Mobile 456-7365

Larry C. Boyd, M.D.

Family Practice & OB

Yoakum County Clinic

Office Hours 1-4 PM

Appointments are preferred!
Please call 456-6365 or 592-9501

VOTE for JULIA LEMLEY

"I want to continue working for you!"

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE
YOAKUM COUNTY CLERK

*19 YEARS EXPERIENCE
*RELIABILITY
*LEADERSHIP

Please vote on November 5, 1996!
Pol. Ad paid for by Julia Lemley

Brownfield Hwy. (456-7112) Plains, TX

Plains Depot

Laundry & Dry Cleaning NOW accepted for
Delivery to Brownfield on Monday,
returning here each Thursday - PM

Let us create your
designer Homecoming
Mums and Fancy
Garters!



Femme Friends



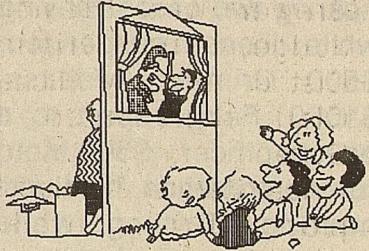
Plains Dirt Gardeners

The Plains Dirt Gardeners met for the first time after summer recess. This meeting will start the new year 1996-1997. Ruby Bilbree served as President, Secretary and Treasurer, due to illness among club members. The roll was called with 8 members present. The Plains Dirt Gardeners will host the Garden Club District zone meeting Nov. 6 at 9:00 am. in the community building in Plains at 605 11th st. The regular meeting-day has been changed to the 3rd. Wed. at 3:00pm. of each month. at the club room-in the old court house. The program was on flower arranging and was given by Mary Lou Parks and Velma Dearing. The hostess were Ruby Bilbree and Florence Bookout. Those present were Ruby Bilbree, Florence Bookout, Kay Conner, Velma Dearing, Chris Edwards, Debbie Morphis, Mary Lou Parks, and Ita Young.

Library Filmtime

Twenty pre-school youngsters attended the weekly filmtime at the Library Wednesday, September 18. They enjoyed singing, played games, and saw two movies, and heard a book read.

Those attending included Kevin John Gass, Brett Hawthorne, Jacob Brink, Jaaron Bell, Lexus Jimenez, Courtney Byram, Hannah Crump, Katelynn Young, Rhaemi Stall, Adam Nixon, Issac Doyle, Troy Don Parrish, Jaston Brink, Joseph Williams, Kristine Lopez, Sabrina Byram, Merritt Crump, Raegan Young, Cody Friesen, and Lariah Johnson.



Senior Citizens Corner

Lets Make a Deal! A supper of beans, cornbread, dessert and drink—all for \$2.00. Time: Tuesday 24th at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. A Big Welcome to all who wish to attend. This is a monthly fun raiser for our Center.

Visiting this week were Lois and Don Markley, visiting the Hannamans. Also, my kids from California, Bert and Deloris Sartain. David Bruton was a Wednesday visitor of the Brutons. There were a nice group of pool players for the Tournament on Wednesday. I am not sure which draws the bigger crowd—new pool facilities or Turkey and Dressing. I still believe Turkey is the #1 Senior Citizen food.

Our condolences to the families of Louise Goehry, the Sanchez family, and the O'Neal family.

Coming up is an AARP "55 Alive" Defensive Driving Course, on the 24th and 26th of September at 1:00 till 4:30 p.m. The course will be taught by Fred Nielson, and anyone wishing to take the course should alert the Center. He needs to know the number who wish to participate. Call 592-8000 or come by and register, "Please".

Events Coming Up:
Mon: Line Dancing at 9:45 a.m. Pool game at 6:30 p.m.
Tues: "55 Alive" at 1:00 till 4:30 p.m.
Wed: Line Dancing at 9:45 a.m. Tatum Pool Tournament at 1:00 p.m.
Thurs: "55 Alive" at 1:00 till 4:30 p.m.
Fri: Line Dancing at 9:45 a.m.
 Lunch everyday at 11:30 a.m.

I have neglected to acknowledge our new bus driver. Meet Jennie, the girl

with a smile and a helping hand for all. See you next week, Smitty

Cancer Center Announces Support Services Program

LUBBOCK, TX—The Joe Arrington Cancer Center (JACC) at St. Mary Hospital announced today the formation of a training program for pastoral support services volunteers.

The program will train volunteers to be active listeners and to make referrals to members of the JACC staff. Volunteers will visit patients and family members at JACC, providing a listening ear and friendly support.

Program sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon beginning October 15 and continuing through November 7. All eight sessions will be held at the St. Mary Education Center, 6502 Slide Road (second floor).

To apply for the program, or for more information, contact Jerri Carper in the Pastoral Care Office at St. Mary Hospital (806-796-6690)

Packing Safe School Lunches

Most kids like sandwiches, but you must be careful what you pack. Don't pack anything that will spoil unless you have a way to keep it cold. Lunch meats and cheese hold up well in the lunch box. Pack the tomatoes and lettuce separately, and include little packets of mustard and mayonnaise instead of putting it on the bread. To help keep sandwiches and yogurt cold, you can freeze juice boxes and include them in the lunch box. Or you may want to invest in one of the insulated lunch boxes. Keeping the lunch box clean is just as important. Wash it daily, and once a week give it a really good cleaning with water and baking soda.

Kathy Adair, CEA-FCS

Artists, Crafters Workshop for Home Based Businesses Scheduled

A workshop entitled "The Business of Art: Creating Success" will be held on Thursday, October 10, at South Plains College. Libby Platus, an internationally recognized sculptress and a consultant for individuals will conduct the workshop. Ms. Platus has given over 550 presentations in all 50 states and 9 countries on the "Business of Art." She will share her expertise with working artists, craftspersons, and small business owners.

Participants will learn how to market their work and how to get maximum publicity from a small budget with a little imagination and effort. Topics to be covered include goals, attitudes, marketing tools, image, pricing, identifying customers, locating sales outlets, promotional material, marketing strategies, publicity and marketing action plans.

There will also be networking opportunities at the business information exchange table. Participants are encouraged to bring samples of their work for pricing, business cards and promotional literature.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. It will be held in the Sundown Room of the Student Center of South Plains College.

Early registration is \$30.00 per person, and must be postmarked on or before October 1. Registration postmarked after that date is \$40.00 per person. This fee will cover lunch, breaks, workshop printed materials and the speaker's fee. This workshop is limited to 100 participants.

This workshop is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service—Castro, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer Counties. For more information or to receive a registration brochure, call Kathy Adair, Yoakum County Extension Agent

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, visits and prayers since my accident. I am recuperating at Carillon Medical Center, Room 111, 1717 Norfolk Avenue in Lubbock. My phone number is 796-2564, and I would love for you to stop by and visit anytime.

Edna Chambliss

Senior Citizens Fund Raiser

Beans, cornbread, dessert and drink, just \$2. Each Tuesday night, October thru November, 5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Please Join Us!

PLAINS STATE BANK

601 9th Street
 Plains, Texas 79355
 (806) 456-2022

HOME OWNED AND OPERATED
 TO BETTER MEET ALL
 YOUR BANKING NEEDS
All Decisions Are Made Locally!

Serving Yoakum County and the
 Surrounding Area Since 1957

MEMBER F.D.I.C.
 Each Depositor Insured to \$100,000.



Darlene's Dress Shop

GOLDLEAF
 AND
 HYDRANGEA

A perfume so rare, it speaks to your soul, the Goldleaf and Hydrangea Collection is a priceless treasure.

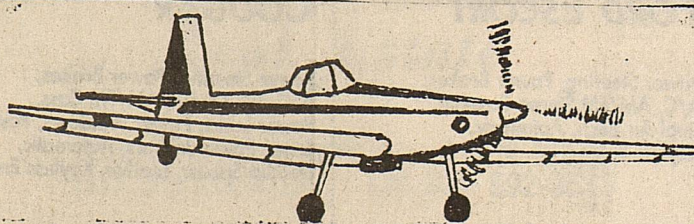
See our new style
Lawmen's Jeans

Darlene's - BeautiControl Cosmetics
 110 N. Main 592-9524 Denver City, TX

'Good enough to eat, & come back for more!'

A new, unique cookbook experience, with great recipes, great moments from earlier years, tips, anecdotes about a better life. 334 pages of enjoyment! Just \$25 plus tax. Call Jennola Maple, 806-456-4945 You'll be glad you did!

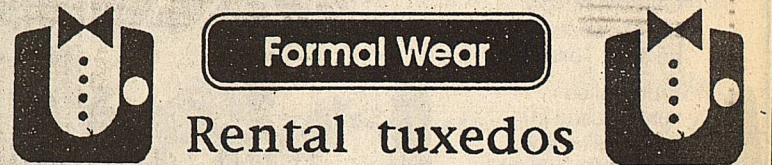
G. B. AERIAL APPLICATION, INC.



David & Sarah Guetersloh
 Office/Home 456-6300
 Mobile Phones:
 David - 456-7536 Sarah - 456-7974

Mustang Dry Cleaners

Proudly Announces A
 Special Service For Men



Formal Wear

Rental tuxedos

for any special event

Open Mon. - Fri. 7:30 -6:00

Saturday 9 -1 p.m.

SEE US FOR ALL YOUR DRY CLEANING NEEDS!

We are here to serve you

Plains Memorial Chapel

Norman & Judy Head, Owners

910 Ave. E
 (Across from old Courthouse)

PO Box 40
 806-456-2152



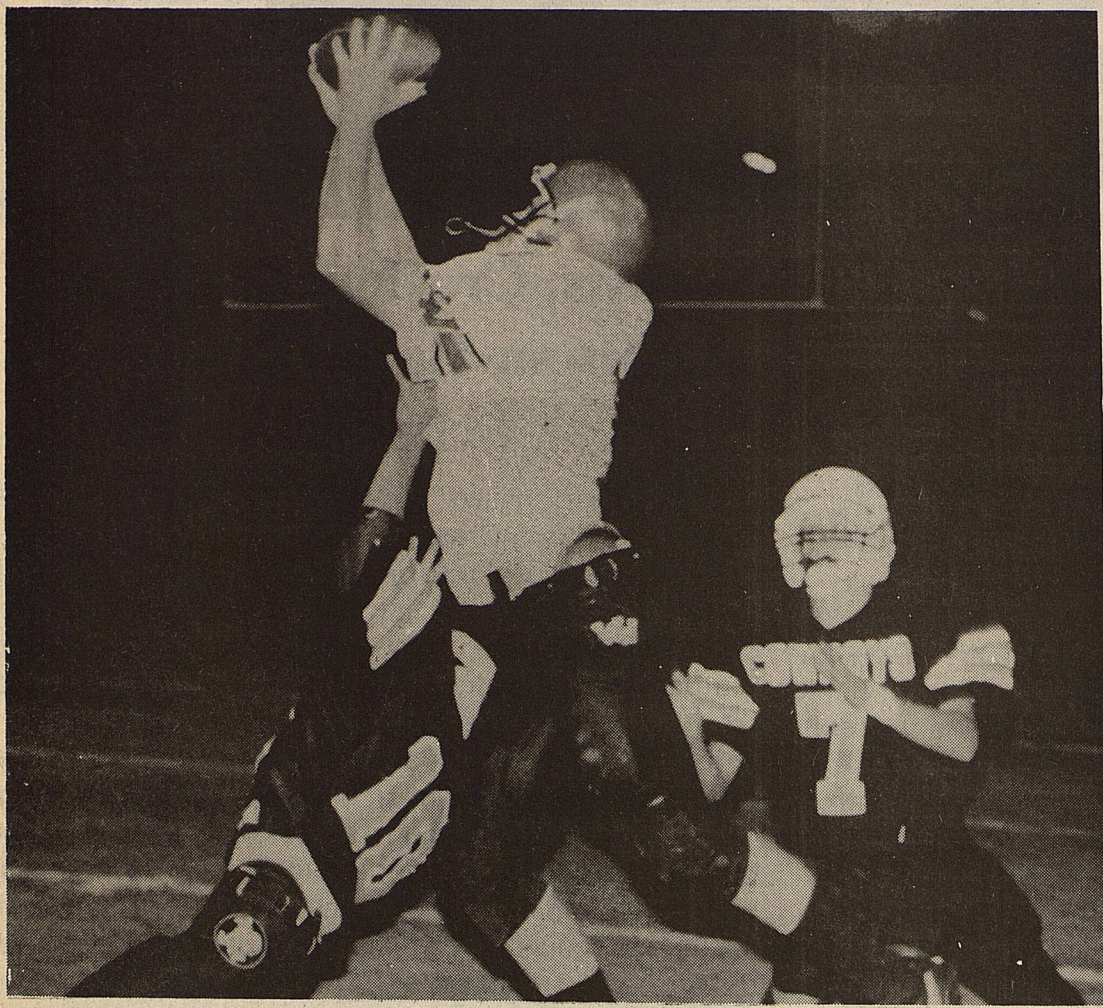
Hicks



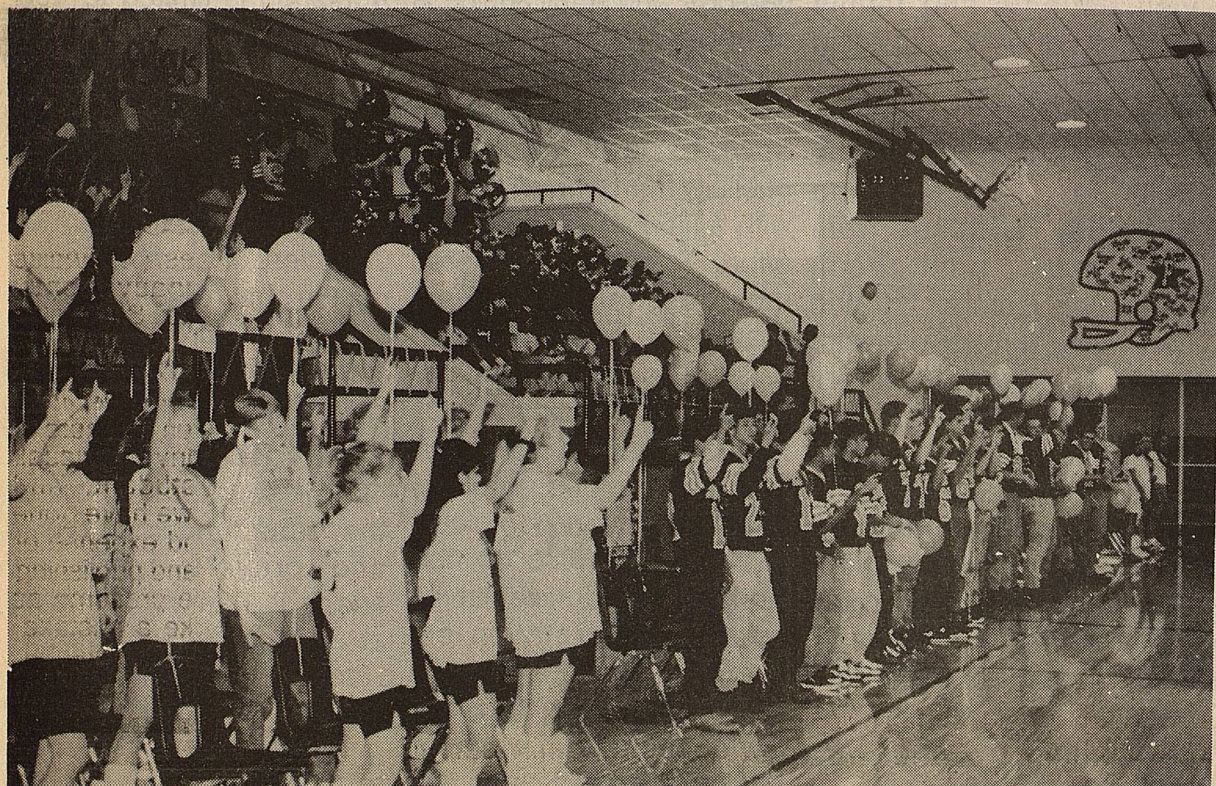
Carpet
 Appliances
 Heating &
 Air Conditioning

It's Hard To Stop A Trane

204 n. Main, Denver City
 806-592-3973 or 592-3930



David Flores, Tanner Blount swarm Wink receiver



Whooping it up at pep rally before Wink game

USDA Begins Issuing Farm Bill Rules

According to the National Association Districts, the USDA has begun issuing a series of rules governing the operation of conservation program established or reauthorized by the 1996 Farm Bill. On August 27, the Farm Service Agency and the Commodity Credit Corporation published an interim rule that refines the early-out provisions set forth last April. USDA will comply with changes made by the Farm Bill and to govern future CRP sign-ups. In the September 6th Federal Register, the department published an interim final rule and request for comments on the Farm Bill's highly erodible land and wetlands conservation (Swampbuster) provisions. The interim final rule

incorporates specific changes required by Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 and makes other changes to improve the administration of these provisions. Cindy Poole, District Conservationist with Nrcs has stated that USDA will consider public comments prior to issuing a final rule for HEL/Swampbuster. If you would like to review the interim rules for CRP and /or HEL, please contact the NRCs office at 1303 Cowboy Way in Plains, TX [806-456-3703]. Mrs Poole added, "Comments on CRP rules must be received by Oct. 18, 1996 and comments on HEL/Swampbuster must be received by November 5, 1996".

JP Court

The following is a summary of cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Pct. One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding: Cases filed; 32 traffic cases, 1 small claims case, 4 bad check cases. Bonds Set; Fugitive from justice, \$2500. Driving while license suspended, \$500. Capias pro fine - no

inspection certificate, \$86 fine. Motion to revoke probation, held until hearing two cases. Driving while license suspended, \$500. Criminal trespass, \$1000. False report to a police officer, \$500. Moto revoke probation, held until hearing. Driving while license suspended, enhanced, \$1000.

Student of the Week

The PHS Student Of The Week is Audra Ellis, a Freshman, and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Poole. She was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said "She is a joy to have in class. She is eager to learn, she searches for answers, and isn't shy when sharing her knowledge with others. Besides these qualities, she is enthusiastic EVERY day!



Major business taxes - who pays?

State and Local Sales Taxes

1994 Sectors	Portion paid
Services	25%
Manufacturing	23%
Mining (oil and gas)	10%
Construction	10%
Transportation, communications and utilities	9%
Wholesale trade	8%
Retail trade	7%
Finance, insurance and real estate	7%
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1%

Franchise Taxes

1994 Sectors	Portion paid
Manufacturing	25%
Transportation, communications and utilities	15%
Finance, insurance and real estate	11%
Services	11%
Retail trade	9%
Mining (oil and gas)	8%
Wholesale trade	8%
Construction	2%
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	1%
Data not designated	10%

Property Taxes

1994 Sectors	Portion paid
Transportation, communications and utilities	24%
Manufacturing	22%
Finance, insurance and real estate	14%
Agriculture, forestry and fisheries	9%
Mining (oil and gas)	8%
Services	7%
Retail trade	5%
Wholesale trade	3%
Construction	2%
Data not designated	6%

*Based on the school tax levy. SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and KPMG Peat Marwick, Policy Economics Group.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Cash value in nuisance crop

Although farmers try to get rid of it, and some ranchers use it as feed for cattle during dry spells, Texas landowners may want to see the potential of prickly pear cactus as a cash crop. The fruit and cactus pads, which are becoming popular food items throughout the Southwest, currently are imported from Mexico.

Prickly pear

Grows naturally on 70 million acres in Texas

Fruit, called 'tunas,' used in jams, jellies and flavoring for drinks. Cactus pads, called nopalitos, eaten with eggs, sautéed or in salads.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas A&M University; and Natural History magazine.

Texans On Relief

Dallas: A census recently completed by the Federal Emergency Relief Admin. shows that 105,045 Texas families are now on relief. This represents 7.1% of the Texas population, a figure well below the national average of 10.3%. *The Texas News*, Oct., 1933.



Spring Things
Tomato Plants, Pepper Plants, Bedding Plants, Roses, Geraniums, Garden Seed, Soil Conditioner, Garden Fertilizer, Potting Soil, Spring Bulbs
IRON will make your lawn greener!
No Burn Formula...Long Lasting

Free use of spreader with purchase of fertilizer

ferti-lome®

SONNY'S FEED & SUPPLY CO.
The Plant & Animal Folks
1001 West Main Brownfield, TX 637-2815



'97 All New FORD ESCORT

Power Steering, Power Brakes, A/C, AM/FM Stereo Cassette, Dual Air Bags, Automatic, Keyless Entry

\$189 per Month

*Payment figured with TT&L plus 20% down. 23 payments @ \$189. One @ \$8.421. Interest = 10.9% W.A.C.

'97 Mercury COUGAR

Power Steering, Power Brakes, A/C, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cass., Power Locks, Power Windows, Power Seats, Power Mirrors, Automatic, Decklid Spoiler, Leather, Keyless Entry

\$299 per Month

*Payment figured with TT&L plus 20% down. 23 payments @ \$299. One @ \$11,419.95. Interest = 10.9% W.A.C.

BAYER LUMBER & HARDWARE

WELL, NOW THAT OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED, LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR THE **HOE - HOE - HOE SEASON**

BUY YOUR STRAW HATS FOR ONLY \$3.99 EA. KEEP YOUR COOL WITH AQUA COOL TIES \$4.35 EA AND WHILE THE SUN SMILES UPON YOU THIS SUMMER, REMEMBER WE HAVE MOST OF YOUR PLUMBING, GARDENING, AND WORK NEEDS AT

BAYER LUMBER & HARDWARE
1018 AVE. E
PLAINS, TX 79355
(806) 456-6044

ED MOSELEY
FORD MERCURY LINCOLN

1-800-658-6259
1706 Lubbock Road BROWNFIELD, TEXAS

'97 All New FORD ESCORT
Power Steering, Power Brakes, A/C, AM/FM Stereo Cassette, Dual Air Bags, Automatic, Keyless Entry
\$189 per Month
*Payment figured with TT&L plus 20% down. 23 payments @ \$189. One @ \$8.421. Interest = 10.9% W.A.C.

'97 Mercury COUGAR
Power Steering, Power Brakes, A/C, Tilt, Cruise, AM/FM Cass., Power Locks, Power Windows, Power Seats, Power Mirrors, Automatic, Decklid Spoiler, Leather, Keyless Entry
\$299 per Month
*Payment figured with TT&L plus 20% down. 23 payments @ \$299. One @ \$11,419.95. Interest = 10.9% W.A.C.

REINKE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

RAMS
REINKE AUTOMATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
for Computerized Center Pivot Irrigation

- Provides Greater Efficiency
- Offers Simplicity of Operation
- Gives Precision Sensing
- Designed for Operator Convenience
- Allows Selection for Specific Amount of Water Applied to ANY Segment of the Field
- Provides Lower Operating Costs

More User-Friendly than Any System on the Market

JACK SPEARS
Drilling Company
Water Well Drilling & Pump Service
456-4925 - 456-3845
Jim Warren
Sales Manager - 456-7444

REINKE
THE FIRST NAME IN IRRIGATION

TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For the Week Ending September 19, 1996

After several days of uneventful trading, the cotton market rebounded toward the end of the week as adverse weather in the U.S. and production concerns in Pakistan captured the attention of most traders.

Recently, the weather has not been favorable for the maturing U.S. crop. Hurricane Fran and frequent rains following the storm certainly have reduced crop prospects in the Carolinas. The Delta, too, has suffered from cool, damp weather and yields there appear to be lower than earlier expectations. The rain-soaked soil has also kept growers out of the fields delaying harvest in the area.

Only a small percentage of the cotton in West Texas and Oklahoma has open bolls and quality concerns are likely to become an issue over the next few weeks. The return of drier weather must occur soon to preserve generally favorable crop conditions in most cotton producing areas of the two states.

The recent precipitation has affected cotton producers in all areas of Texas. Cotton quality losses were confirmed in Central Texas and in the Coastal Bend area where rains earlier this month delayed harvesting and induced a loss of color. Harvesting has since resumed, but more quality problems are anticipated if additional moisture is received. Meanwhile,

producers in parts of South Central Texas continue to fight re-growth as rainfall there threatens to cause quality loss. At the same time, cooler temperatures have slowed cotton maturity on the High Plains of Texas where insect and weed control operations are in full swing this week.

The potential loss of cotton production in Pakistan has gained market attention this week as well. Pakistan's Ministry of Food, Livestock and Agriculture has geared up to launch an emergency plan to combat a whitefly menace in the cotton growing areas of that country. The insect outbreak, which occurred over the past week, is especially detrimental to cotton as the whitefly feeds on the leaves of cotton plants, aiding the spread of viruses and fungi. The crop, which Pakistani officials expected to exceed their 10 million bale target, now may be compromised. "Cotton production will be seriously affected if the whiteflies are not controlled within the next two weeks," a Pakistani official stated.

India's 1996-97 crop outlook is excellent despite reports of some damage in the cotton producing regions of the country due to heavy rains in the last two weeks. An increase in cultivated land and a good monsoon have prepared India for a bumper cotton crop this season; however, the months of September and October are criti-

cal for the maturing crop. "Most of the crop damage occurs in those months due to excess rain or pest attack," an Indian government official added.

Meanwhile, USDA's export sales report provided a pleasant surprise for most in the industry as a substantial increase was noted. Export sales of 1996-97 U.S. cotton increased a net 151,600 bales in the week ended September 12, according to USDA. That compares to the previous week's figure of 72,100 bales. Interestingly, cotton sales to China account for 73,500 bales, which is slightly more than the previous week's total export sales. Other featured buyers were Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Spot cotton sales improved considerably this week due to an increase in available cotton. Spot cotton sales of 1996-97 cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ended September 19 totaled 3,985 bales, up notably from the previous week's figure of 886 bales. Average daily prices received by producers on the electronic marketing system ranged from 65.65 to 68.02 cents per pound.

One analyst attributes the increase in available cotton to a change in the price expectations of producers. "Growers, frustrated with the current market, now are willing to sell their cotton for prices in the high 60s," he said.

However, defoliating when NACB is greater than four introduces immature fibers from some younger bolls.

Although both percent open bolls and NACB are useful in timing application of defoliants, NACB is often more informative on uniformly-fruited crops. For example, a field may have 60% open boll, but NACB equals six, which means it is too early to apply harvest aids. Defoliating this field now would reduce both yield and micronaire as a result of introducing immature fibers from the uppermost bolls.

NODES ABOVE CRACKED BOLL TECHNIQUE (NACB);
This technique allows growers to determine when their fields are safe to treat with harvest aids and still reach 98 to 100% of the yield potential.

To use NACB, examine 20 plants per average-sized field. Take five plants per four randomly-selected sites per field. On each plant, locate the highest first position cracked boll, count the node of that fruiting branch on which the boll is located as "0," then count the number of nodes up to the fruiting branch that has the highest harvestable green boll.

From page 1,
'TEXAS EQUIPMENT'
total assets of \$8.5 million and total annual revenues of \$25 million, is a regional West Texas retailer of farm equipment.

"Under terms of the agreement, Marinex issued 16,850,000 shares in exchange for all issued and outstanding shares of Texas Equipment."

Texas Equipment is a John Deere farm equipment dealer with retail operations in Seminole, Pecos and Plains.

The local facility went into operation in 1960 as Plains Farm Supply, Inc. The original owners were Rod and Buford Duff and Verlon Hilburn. In 1965, the late Lloyd Allsup was hired as manager, and purchased half interest in the dealership. In 1969, Vaughn Culwell bought an interest in the firm. That same year Plains Farm Supply opened its John Deere Service Center in Denver City. In 1972, Allsup, Culwell and Dan Houck purchased all outstanding shares of the company.

In 1981, Plains Farm Supply purchased the stock owned by Houck, and in 1987, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell purchased

outright all the outstanding shares of the company. They would own and operate the firm until its sale to Texas Equipment Company in 1992. That year the Denver City Service Center was closed.

Future plans following the acquisition are unknown at press time.

Attention All Booster Club Members

There will be a Athletic Booster Club meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25., at 8:30 p.m. in the Sandy Land office.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting, to discuss the upcoming PHS Homecoming celebration, the bonfire pep rally prior to the Whiteface game, and other school athletic events. We need your attendance!

NOTICE

CCN apologizes (to Vickie Blundell) for inadvertently omitting Krystle Blundell's name from the photo of the Cheerleaders and Bell Ringers in last week's edition. It is never our intention to ignore or not recognize any individual, especially a student, and especially after we have gone to the trouble and expense of photographing and publishing their picture. We presume as long as we make a mistake, there is no tombstone over our heads.

Family Of The Week

Do you know an outstanding family in Yoakum County? There are many in our community and we want to recognize a few of them. If you know of someone who has overcome adversity, or has just been a great family, please answer the following questions in short essay form; (1) describe the family, names, ages, what they do,....(2) What

makes this family special? (3) What does the family do to have fun together? (4) How does the family serve the community?

Submit your entry to the Yoakum County Extension Office, Box 360, Plains, Tx. 79355, by October 21, 1996. Winners will receive a plaque, family portrait, and gifts from local businesses.



Update on Integrated Pest Management in Terry and Yoakum Counties

Cotton has reached cutout in all area fields and many have a considerable number of open bolls. This cotton is generally safe from any insect-related economic damage. Harvest aids are now being applied to some fields.

How do you know when best to terminate a crop? In some years, cold weather and frosts terminate and defoliate crops—a grower can do little to change Mother Nature. To preserve the quality and yield you have strived for all season here are some general guidelines.

Once a crop is mature, removing its leaves facilitates mechanical harvesting. Defoliation with harvest aids causes leaves to shed earlier than normal and reduces the trash taken to the gin.

Cotton, like most plants with an indeterminate growth habit, forms new leaves as it grows. Consequently, even after cutout when most of the bolls are open, there are enough green leaves to interfere with mechanical harvesting—hence, the need to defoliate.

When the nodes above the first position white flower are five or less, a field is nearing or has reached cutout.

Optimally timing crop termination to achieve a clean finish can be difficult. The potential for weather-induced yield and quality loss in the oldest bolls needs to be balanced against any additional fiber gain that can be accrued in the top (youngest) bolls. Several useful techniques help to determine when best to apply harvest aids and still retain maximum yield and quality. These include percent open boll, the sharp knife technique and nodes above cracked boll (NACB).

Percent open boll, an old technique, calls for defoliants to be applied when 60 to 75% of the bolls are open and for desiccants when 80% or more are open and green bolls are crackable when squeezed. To calculate percent open boll, count the number of open bolls per plant on three feet of row at four randomly selected areas of a field. Divide the number of bolls by

the number of total harvestable bolls, and multiply by 100. Although this is still a useful gauge that is used widely on most harvest-aid chemical labels, more accurate techniques are available now.

Cutting into green bolls with a sharp knife is a good way to assess maturity. To train your eye, pull a plant with five or more first position bolls set above a cracked boll. Slice open every boll. Bolls set one or two nodes above the cracked boll will be fully matured. The boll three nodes above the cracked boll will be matured by the time a harvest aid takes effect. A boll four nodes above will be less mature, and so on up the main stem.

Defoliating cotton crops at NACB less than or equal to four results in less than a 1% total yield loss. Defoliating at this stage of plant development does not reduce fiber quality.

Your Business Is Appreciated

For All Your Pharmacy Needs
1-800-658-9604



Our Toll-Free Number Is For Your Convenience

NELSON PERSCRIPTION Pharmacy
805 Tahoka Rd. Brownfield, Texas

LOT FOR SALE

ON NINTH STREET; EAST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF BLOCK 93, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE

CALL 915-332-9370, OR AFTER 5PM, 915-381-1276

W. E. (Red) BERRY Real Estate

DENVER CITY, TX.

W. E. BERRY, BROKER - 210 N. MAIN
Res. 915-758-5200 - Off. 806-592-3523

Specialist in Residential, Commercial

Farm & Ranch Properties

Gary Dyer
456-8451

Olivia Robertson
592-2786

HOUSE FOR SALE

House for sale at 112 2nd St. in Plains
\$31,000.00
Call Chris Blundell
PH-456-7155

LET'S TRADE

During The Month of September
MUSTANG MOBILE HOME'S would like to trade for your used home
Call for details:
800-333-8803

JUST IN

1997 Oakcreek 4-3;
2300 sq ft wonderful oak cabinets, ceramic tile entry, T&T walls
luxury at its best.
SHOWN BY APPT. PLEASE.
800-333-8803

Massey Ferguson, Kubota, Bush Hog Shredders, Lilliston Peanut Combines & Rolling Cultivators, UFT & Lorenz Minimum Tillage Equipment, Baker disc & Switch Plows, & Much More.
Terry County Tractor
637-4569 Brownfield

For Sale
7300 Max Emerge Planter-8 row, vacuum model, with chemical boxes, monitor, See at Jack Spears Drilling, make offer!

House For Sale
2 BR (could be 3), 2 BA, 4 outbuildings, on 11.48 acres, Irrigation water & pipe, many trees! call
806-456-4945

Just Arrived
'97 FLEETWOOD
DOUBLEWIDE
3 BR 2 BA
\$31,900.00
800-333-8803

Cowboy Country News
P.O. Box 179
Plains, TX 79355
Office 806-456-8451
Fax 806-456-2010

Published each Wednesday, Plains, Texas
by Holly and Gary Dyer. Subscription Rate \$15.00 per year.
Call for Advertising Rates.

From The Hack

{Portions of the following are from GOLF IN AMERICA-The first hundred years, George Peper, Ed., published by Henry Abrams, Inc., 1988.}

In the late summer of 1887, Robert Lockhart, of Yonkers, New York, a transplanted Scotsman, visited his old country, and purchased six golf clubs and two dozen gutta percha balls at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Returning home, he presented the golf equipment to his good friend, John Reid, another former Scot, but not before first trying them out.

The following spring Reid and a few friends shared the clubs, batting the 'guttie' balls around a simple little course they had laid out in a pasture in their neighborhood. Other clubs and balls were purchased and the first six players were joined by new, curious converts. A short time later, the group moved their playing "course" a few blocks, to a 30 acre meadow, and designed a six hole layout.

On November 14, 1888, the friends and players, now 13 strong, formally organized the St. Andrews Golf Club, the historical day the game of golf officially came to America.

In 1892, the course would be moved again, four blocks, to a 34 acre apple orchard. The men, in one day, laid out a "1500 yard, six hole course, steeply banked and studded at every turn with fruit-bearing obstructions.

"It was here that the group became known as The Apple Tree Gang, the moniker referring to one



'Apple Tree Gang' relax at 19th hole, 1892

tree in particular, situated near the first tee and final green and which served as a combination locker room and nineteenth hole. In its branches the men hung their coats, their lunch baskets, and a wicker demijohn containing several pints of Scotlands OTHER gift to the world. A wide wooden seat encircling the trunk served as the club's lounge.

"Since Reid and his men played golf religiously every Sunday, the local clergy was not amused. The pulpit bemoaned the fact that a game could entice church members away from the weekly service and predicted that anyone who indulged in these nefarious rites of pasture would almost certainly make the acquaintance of 'His Satanic Majesty'."

Some things never change. And did you know, our local county golf course has its own apple tree, the scene of players gathering after 18 holes, but I've never heard them called anything so flattering as 'The Apple Tree Gang'.

The shady spot under the

apple tree is between the club house and pavilion, and there, (gasp!) gambling wagers are settled, and (moan!) strong spirits are sometimes partaken.

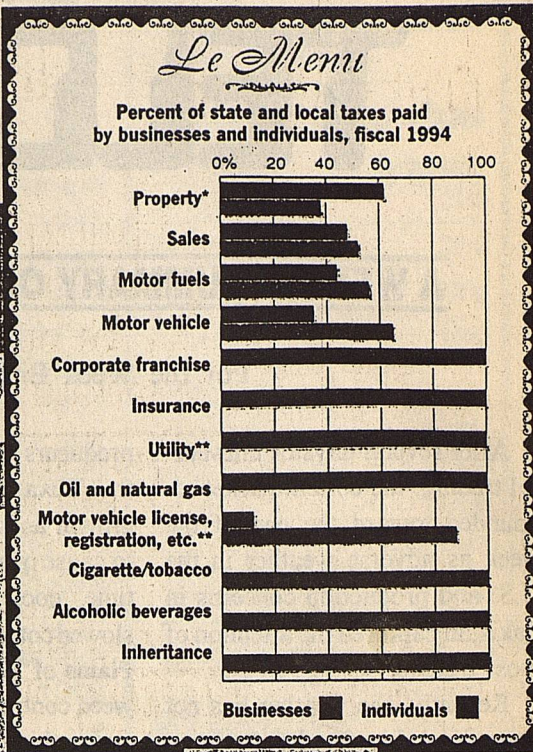
The apple tree spot is sometimes referred to as the "Hallowed Ground" of the golf club, the words Lincoln used in his cemetery speech at Gettysburg some 130 years earlier. Under our apple tree, countless hundreds of players mental and financial deaths have been observed by the winners. It must, like Gettysburg National Cemetery, be a

solemn spot, for I have heard many a player solemnly say, "If I ever play this bad again, will someone please shoot me?" or "Would you guys consider my American Express Card? You've already got all my cash", or, "OH, Lordy, what am I gonna tell the wife, how am I gonna feed the kids" or, "You are undoubtedly the luckiest expletive on the face of the planet, no, in the entire solar system", or, "Does anyone wanta buys these clubs and bag, cheap?"

It is definitely hallowed ground.

The tax bite

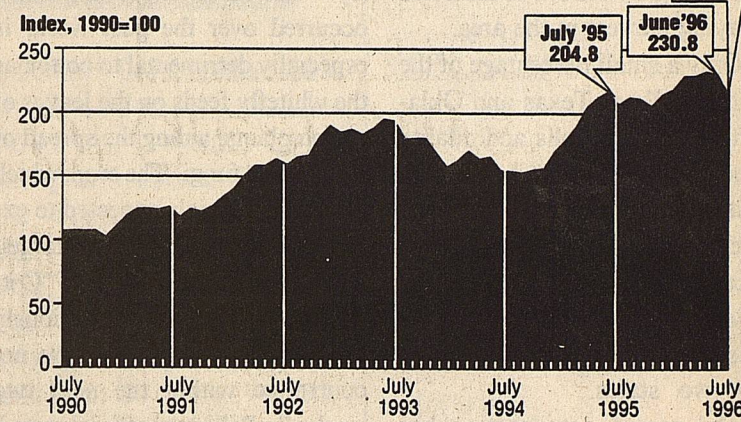
Texas businesses carry a little more than half of the overall tax burden; consumers pick up the remainder.



*Includes rental, occupancy, and franchise taxes. **Includes utility taxes. NOTE: All percentages are based on fiscal year. SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Texas Stock Index

The Texas Stock Index (TSI) continued its decline in July as the index surrendered 6.7 percent after falling 0.8 percent in June. The index, which dropped 1.8 points in June, fell by an additional 15.4 points this month to stand at 215.4.



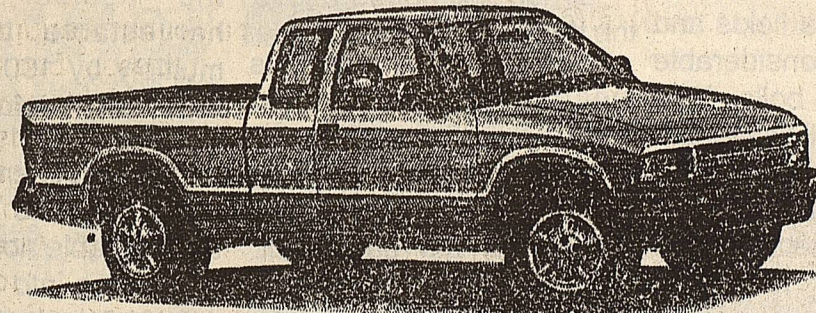
SOURCE: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Go, Cowboys, Cowgirls!

'96 Model Closeout PRICEBUSTERS

CHEVROLET S-SERIES

S-Series LS Extended Cab Pickup



Here's A Couple Of Great Buys!

S-10 Pickup

Stock #TT158

Light Stellar Blue Metallic Body with Navy deluxe cloth trim.

Factory Options include:

Remote keyless entry* Air Cond.

Vortec 4300 V6 engine

4 spd. electronic Auto transmission with overdrive*Power locks/windows, exterior mirrors & more!

GMAC Smart Buy

Payments Only 36 month \$321.43* 11.4% APR Rebate included

*Residual \$9844.12 customer pays TT&L

S-10 Pickup

Stock #TT168

Dark Metallic Cherry Red with Grey Deluxe cloth trim.

*Vortec 4300 V-6 SFI engine

*4 spd auto. Transmission with overdrive*Tilt steering

*Argent aluminum wheels

*AM/FM stereo with seek/scan

*Cassette, clock & more!

GMAC Smart Buy

Payments Only!

\$312.05*

36 month

11.4% APR

Rebate included

*Residual \$9,548.76 customer pays TT&L

We're making room for the 1997 models and it's never been a better time to buy. Come in Now for the best selections! Several more models to choose from!

1501 N. Grimes Hobbs, New Mexico

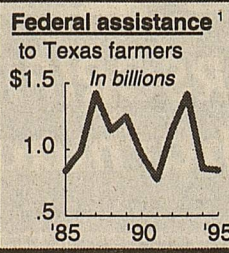


505-397-2411

Keeping an eye on Texas

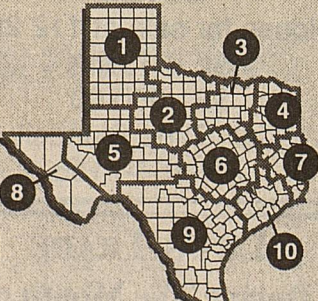
Farm payments cut

Federal assistance to Texas farmers dropped to \$843 million in 1995 and will continue to fall in the next seven years. An overhaul in federal farm law allows farmers more freedom in what and how much they plant, while phasing out government price supports.



1994 total payment to region, in millions

1 High Plains	\$207.3
2 Northwest Texas	\$64.8
3 Metroplex	\$17.3
4 Upper East Texas	\$4.1
5 West Texas	\$103.1
6 Central Texas	\$33.2
7 Southeast Texas	\$5.9
8 Upper Rio Grande	\$3.3
9 South Texas	\$103.6
10 Gulf Coast	\$58.7



Federal payments to Texas farmers, 1990-94

Commodity	Avg. annual payments in millions	Avg. annual production value in millions	Payments per dollar of production	Average number of recipients
Cotton	\$294.9	\$1,234.2	\$0.24	49,586
Wheat	111.5	291.6	0.38	39,925
Rice	91.7	142.7	0.64	2,780
Sorghum	70.5	373.5	0.19	49,850
Corn	57.6	457.2	0.13	21,726
Mohair	49.3	17.5	2.82	7,290
Peanuts ²	39.0	172.6	0.23	n.a.
Wool ³	23.9	15.4	1.55 (see footnote)	
Barley	0.5	0.6	0.85	1,416
Oats	0.5	5.7	0.08	4,203

¹ Includes transition payments and disaster and conservation programs.

² 1994 estimates only.

³ Number of recipients included with number of recipients of mohair assistance payments.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Fiscal Notes; U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Environmental Working Group.

PHS Homecoming
October 4 !!